

## News Release

# U of M, Crookston Celebrates Success of Online Degrees and Recognition in 2011-12 during a reception on Tuesday, April 24, 2012

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The University of Minnesota, Crookston was the recipient of five nationally recognized awards in 2011-12 for its online programs and the campus took time to celebrate during a reception on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. Paying tribute to the online accomplishments were Chancellor Charles H. Casey; Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Thomas Baldwin; Susan Brorson, professor and head of the Business Department; and Director of the Center for Adult Learning Michelle Christopherson.



Joining them in giving remarks were Assistant Professor Denis Maier who teaches in the Business Department; Paula Viker, instructor in the Math, Science and Technology Department; and Lisa Leiran, who works as an online advisor in the Business Department. The celebration, held in the Prairie Room, included many of the faculty who teach students online as well as the staff who provide assistance.

Maier's remarks reflected the sentiment of most. "These awards represent the work of the past for which we are now reaping the rewards. We need to continue on the path of success that has been established over the years," Maier said. "We offer as good an experience online as we can, and we strive to make it as good as the experience students get on campus."

Over the past year, the online programs at the U of M, Crookston have earned recognition from The Princeton Review "Best Value Colleges", Smart Choice "25 Best Offering Online Degrees", U.S.News & World Report inaugural "Top Online Education Program Rankings", and The Best Colleges top five ranking for the online business degree.

To learn more, visit [www.umcrookston.edu/online](http://www.umcrookston.edu/online) or call 218-281-8680.

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In the photo: Center for Adult Learning staff: (l to r): Dana Trickey, Janessa DeBoer, Mark Belanger, Michelle Christopherson, and Diane Rapacz

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